



BILL HORN's Bulletin

Supervisor, 5th District
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On the Road to Energy Independence

Destination: Local Control & Self-Determination

Our Constitution, besides guaranteeing our unalienable rights, has set forth the limited purpose of government: to provide for citizens what they cannot provide for themselves. In that regard, I believe that water and power must have some controls so we are not left at the mercy of big business withholding these vital resources in order to game the market.

The Governor put the California taxpayer in the power business by creating the State Power Authority, forever tying utilities to the State's rapidly decreasing General Fund and sinking bond rating. My plan for the creation of a San Diego Regional Municipal Utility District (MUD) would not make it a County agency, rather we would facilitate its formation. My desire is to privatize the MUD's operations as we did with the County trash system.

Many years ago, SDG&E and other power companies petitioned the state to prevent Counties from forming MUDs in order to prevent competition. They are still attempting to block any competition to their cur-

rent operations and those they are building in Mexico.

This year, with an understanding that SDG&E (Semptra) supported my plan to create an MUD, I worked with Assemblyman Mark Wyland who carried AB 206 which will allow the formation of our MUD. The legislation passed the Assembly Local Government Committee only to be broadsided by SDG&E in the first hearing before the Utilities and Commerce Committee.

With two trips to Sacramento to negotiate amendments, we finally got AB 206 passed out of Committee and headed for the Senate. The Governor's last date for signing our MUD into law is October 14 of this year. Thanks to all of you who have and are writing letters of support. To contact your representatives and voice your support, visit our website at:

www.co.san-diego.ca.us/cnty/bos/sup5
and click on **POWERLINE**.

I am committed to energy independence for our County. The MUD is a major step in that direction.



Supervisor BILL HORN
Chairman of the Board
2001

*"Government closest
to the people
governs best.
It's about accountability
and integrity.
It's about government 'of
the people, by the people
and for the people'
and as such I am honored
to serve as an elected
guardian of
our County."*

Chairman Horn Secures Alternative Energy Plans

"Without the M.U.D. in place some plans are on hold..."

If the MUD were in place today with the County as a participating member, there are at least a dozen alternative energy sources—long-term and short-term—that could be employed.

While we navigate the MUD legislation through the Sacramento mire, I have secured unanimous Board approval to authorize a Request for Proposal and award of contract for installation of solar collection devices on County buildings. This is a clean, renewable energy source with no air

quality concerns and could provide up to 20% of our daily usage, saving the County taxpayer millions of dollars.

In the interest of energy conservation and to save money, I advanced the "Cool Roofs" Retrofit program of the San Diego Regional Energy Office. They will provide \$2 million to reduce peak electric demand associated with solar energy absorbed on surfaces of roofs. Maximum energy efficiency equals minimum future energy costs.

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Putting North County in the driver's seat, Chairman Horn convenes first Transportation Summit

The recent mobile commission meetings of the Sacramento-appointed Regional Government Efficiency Commission (RGECE) appear to overlook the needs of North County, right down to a lack of proper and equal representation on their committee. But they have advanced the idea that our financially-sound North County Transit Development Board be merged with the not-so-stable Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB).

For these reasons and many others, I called the first Transportation Summit on May 14th in order to create solutions for our transportation needs working through federal, state and local means. My co-hosts



Cole Grade Road Improvement
Valley Center

were Congressman Issa, State Senator Bill Morrow and State Assemblyman Mark Wyland. Coordinating concepts and ideas and a willingness to work together were the recurring themes throughout the Summit and so we agreed to meet on a quarterly basis.

RGECE boasts about working with all municipalities and regions to find solutions to our governance needs while continuing to ignore the needs of North County. We already have a regional body that is elected to be accountable to the people. It's called: the Board of Supervisors! I believe the authority should be returned to the us. What do you think? Write or E-mail me and let me know:

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Chairman Horn in
"All About Avocados"
With Chef Larry on
CTN's
"The County Cooks"



BILL HORN'S
GUACAMOLE

4 Avocados (mashed)
1/4 cup chopped onions
Chili powder (to taste)
Salt (to taste)
Garlic Powder (to taste)
4 crisp bacon strips
(crumbled)
In large bowl:
Mix all ingredients to taste.
Open Costco-size bag of
tortilla chips and dig in.
More Avocado Recipes
from The County Cooks at:
www.ctn.org/ccmay
or
Check your local listing for
CTN

Charting New Territory: County and Tribes come together to address Public Safety Concerns

I am pleased to see North County Tribes and our County staff sitting down at the table in government-to-government negotiations to address our common concerns regarding public safety especially as it relates to our rural road system.

Rincon Band of Mission Indians was the first to sit down with the County and successfully negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to mitigate impacts of casino traffic on

County roads. Rincon has also voluntarily set up various training programs for their employees in order to address public health and safety issues.

San Pasqual & Pauma/Yuima Bands are soon to complete their MOAs as well.

Public and private transit to reduce the number of vehicles in these areas are also being addressed in meetings with North County Transit District and North County Tribes.



Chairman Horn presents Palomar Mountain Volunteer Fire District (PMVFD) with its first new fire engine as **PMVFD Chief Karl Bauer** surprises the Chairman by making him their first Honorary Fire Chief—badge and all! "This engine is specifically designed for the needs of this isolated rural mountain community. We are grateful to Supervisor Horn for helping us secure the necessary grants to make this a reality," stated Chief Bauer.



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Freedom Isn't Free: 101st Anniversary of San Diego County's Day of Remembrance

What began as Decoration Day in 1882, Memorial Day, May 28, 2001 was the 133rd anniversary of our nation honoring the memory of over 1.75 million patri-



ots who gave their last full measure of devotion to their country.

In San Diego County, Memorial Day Services have been organized for 101 years by the Veterans Memorial Day Conference Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee, Lalo Porras, veteran of the U.S. Army 101st Airborne and Committee Program Chairman, Lt. Col. Dominick Frankville (Ret.), received the Proclamation from Chairman Horn honoring

Memorial Day and the Committee's long-term devotion to remembrance of those who sacrificed all that we might be free.

National Day of Prayer...a vital part of our heritage

In recognition of his leadership in San Diego County's faith community, Chairman Horn presented a Proclamation commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the National Day of Prayer to Mark Larson—General Manager of KPRZ/KCBQ AM Radio.

As citizens around the nation ceased their activities to gather together for prayer, Chairman Horn called for all people of faith to join him at the flagpole at the County Administration Center the morning of the



National Day of Prayer (First Thursday of May) to pray for our nation. Other activities included the 2nd Annual Prayer Luncheon with Horn as the Honorary Chairman and John Culea as guest speaker.

"This special Day enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when facing critical decisions...and calls us to humbly come before Him seeking his guidance and His grace,"

4th of July Events With Bill Horn

10:00 a.m.
Oceanside 8th Annual Freedom Days Parade (Parade begins at the corner of Wisconsin and Coast Highway)

12:30 p.m.
Rancho Santa Fe Federated Republican Women Parade (Begins at Rancho Santa Fe Parking Lot on Avenida de Acacias)

7:30 p.m.
California Center for The Arts—Escondido With U.S.M.C. Band

San Diego County Library Books-by-Mail

For qualifying residents, Books-by-Mail is a free service. All postage is pre-paid and your San Diego County Library card is also free.

To find out about eligibility call: 866.279.9629

or visit the web site: www.sdcl.org

Blue Ribbons for our Children and Gold Ribbons for our Elders mark April and May as Abuse Prevention Awareness Months in the County



Renee Comeau of the San Diego Child Abuse Prevention Foundation receives Proclamation in honor of the children they have helped save. April was National Child Abuse Prevention Month/Blue Ribbon Campaign in San Diego County. **Pam Smith**—Director Aging and Independence Services and **Paul Greenwood**, Deputy D.A. Elder Abuse Division with Staff and Volunteers—including **TRIAD/SALT** coordinators—with Proclamation in recognition of their work on behalf of our elders. "Golden Ribbons for their Golden Years" marked May as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in San Diego County. **Watch**



CTN for UPDATE with Bill Horn on "Educating & Empowering our Elders."



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Lincoln's Economic Principles

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

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